

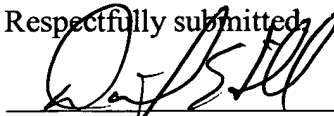
REMARKS

In response to the December 6, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicant provisionally elects generic claims 1-3, 8-24, 26-29, 40-59, 61-82, 92-113, 115-133, and 144-152 in conjunction with claim 4 and claims 30, 31, 83, 134, and 135 without traverse for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Thus, Applicant has withdrawn claims 5-7, 25, 32-39, 60, 84-91, 114, and 136-143 from consideration in the subject application and reserves the right to prosecute these and other claims in one or more subsequent divisional, continuation and/or continuation-in-part applications. Applicant further requests that the withdrawn claims be reinstated and examined if a generic claim is held allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention represents a patentable contribution to the art. Early and favorable action is accordingly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any of the foregoing, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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